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Title: ENHANCED TRANSPORT USING MEMBRANE DISRUPTIVE AGENTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Seattle, Washington 98101

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

In response to the Examiner's final action dated October 9, 2001 (Paper No. 17), please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. Pursuant to the Request for Extension of Time enclosed herewith, the period for response has been extended three (3) months, to expire April 9, 2002.

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 31, to read as follows:

71 Random, block and graft copolymers that include acrylate groups and alkyl substituted acrylate groups are preferred. Preferably, the alkyl group is a C<sub>1-6</sub> straight, branched or cyclic alkane. Preferred monomers for use in preparing the polymeric materials include ethylacrylic acid (EAA), propylacrylic acid (PAA), and butylacrylic acid (BAA). Copolymers of these monomers by themselves or including acrylic acid can be used. An example of a random copolymer is EAA-AA. This may be modified by grafting of either component to the backbone of the other component, or as a block copolymer of a block of one conjugated to a block of the other.

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